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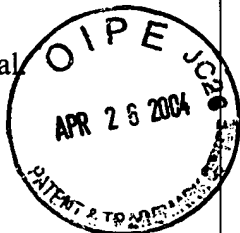
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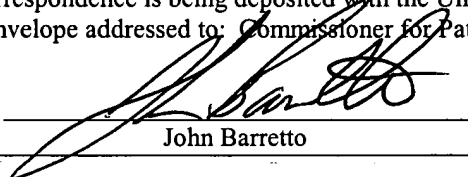
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Examiner Mahatan:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, mailed March 22, 2004, the Applicants respectfully elect **Invention I**, claims 1-35 and 46-48, drawn to a method, computer product and system for use in the analysis of gene or protein expression information, classified in class 702. However, the Applicants respectfully assert that simultaneous examination of Inventions I, II and III would not place an undue burden on the Examiner because the claims of the three Inventions, while patentably distinct, are all classified in class 702. See MPEP § 803 ("If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the [E]xaminer must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions."). Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner modify the instant Restriction Requirement, examining Inventions I, II and III in the instant application.

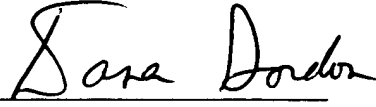
Fees

The Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with the filing of this Response to our Deposit Account, No. 06-1448.

Conclusion

The Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

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